

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

General Roberts Dictating Terms in Cabul.

Buildings to be Destroyed, Arms Surrendered and a Fine Imposed—Refusal of England to Treat with Russia—Affairs at Cape Town—Serious Floods in Spain—Three Hundred Lives Lost.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—A dispatch to the *Standard* from Kabul says: "General Roberts on entering the city made a speech to the following effect: 'It will be necessary to inflict severe punishment. Buildings of the Bala Hissar and of the city, interfering with proper military occupation, will have to be destroyed. A heavy fine will be levied on the citizens. A

the country within a radius of ten miles." And the inhabitants under his jurisdiction will be required to surrender their arms within a week on pain of death if they fail to do so. Rewards will be paid for the denunciation and conviction of any person concerned in the massacre of the British embassy."

SIMLA, Oct. 16.—The restrictions against newspaper correspondents accompanying the British army in Afghanistan are now with-

—New Campaign in South Africa.
CAPE TOWN, Sept. 30.—Operations against Chief Lecoona will commence immediately. Sir Garnet Wolseley is at Pretoria, where he has publicly declared that the annexation of the Transvaal is irrevocable. The committee of Boers have adopted a resolution that nothing will satisfy them but the restoration of inde-

Refusal to Discuss Afghan Affairs.
LONDON, Oct. 17.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* telegraphs: "It is stated the British government has refused to discuss with Russia questions relating to the Afghan war."

Andalusia, Malaga, Alicante and Murcia. Several villages are in ruins. Railways are destroyed and crops devastated. From Murcia the governor reports that the loss of life will exceed 300. The full extent of the disaster is not yet known.

The King will visit the flooded district while en route to the Mediterranean ports and fleet. The same dispatch says the sudden determining

Communists to be Suppressed.
LONDON, Oct. 17.—The *Standard's* Paris dispatch says the cabinet have decided to issue circulars ordering the local authorities to suppress all meetings and other illegal propaganda.

FROM MEXICO.

A Summary of the Latest Intelligence.

HAVANA, Oct. 18.—The steamer City of New York, which arrived this morning from Vera Cruz, brings City of Mexico advices to the 5th

Instant. Señor Benítez had returned to the capital. There were great demonstrations upon his arrival. The partisans of Senor Benítez are not numerous, but they are active and noisy. Congress in secret session agreed parts of the States of Chihuahua, Durango and Coahuila, including the entire mining district of the Lima Majado, to be elected into a federal territory remaining under the

the question of boundaries shall have been definitely settled by the said States. Some of the newspapers allege that this act is unconstitutional, but it appears to be the only remedy to preserve order and prevent conflicts with the local authorities. Congress appears to be altogether engaged in election intrigues, laying aside legitimate legislation. The public

denies that Mexico is taking measures to re-
new relations with France. Typhoid fever is
raging in Guadalajara. Destructive inunda-
tions have occurred in Tabasco, where the loss
caused by the destruction of corn and tobacco
crops is estimated at \$1,000,000.

FREDERICK, MD., Oct. 16.—William and Jacob Wachtel, of Woodboro', in this county started this morning for this place on a small hand car. On the Frederick division of the Pennsylvania railroad they were overtaken by a special train at 8:30 o'clock and run over. William was instantly killed and Jacob was seriously injured. Both men are married.

MUTUAL BENEFIT CONVENTION.

Topics Discussed at the Closing Session—A Farewell Banquet.

The convention assembled at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. President Gardner in the chair. The first business transacted was the consideration of the report of the committee on "reserve fund." Their recommendations

first," that each association should hold in reserve an amount equal to twenty death losses;" and, "second, that the amount of such reserve fund could be best determined by each association from its own experience," causes considerable discussion, but were finally adopted. The report of the committee on payment of beneficiaries reported favoring its reference to a law committee, and recommended that al-

associations require applicants to designate the names of the persons they desire to receive the benefit after their death. The report was then adopted. Similar action was taken on the report of the committee on bookkeeping and blanks, in which the appointment of a committee of five to submit a report at the next convention was recommended.

discussed, which was followed by "Division into Classes." Both subjects were referred to select committees with instructions to report at the next convention. The committee to whom the subject of "Medical Examinations" was referred submitted a report favoring such examinations, which was concurred in.

topic "Rights of Americans" was accorded by unanimous adoption of the report of the committee on the president's address. The next topic, "Confrontations versus with Contending Institutions," took a similar course. The last topic, "Statistics," was made the subject of a commitment to the president for his efforts in this direction, and the report of the committee referring thereto was unanimously adopted. Erie, Pa., was selected as the next meeting place of the association.

The following officers were chosen to serve during the ensuing year: President, A. A. Adams, Erie, Pa.; vice-presidents, first, C. C. Gifford, Rochester, N. Y. and second, J. Eten Cooke, Louisville, Ky.; recording secretary, C. F. Lake, Titusville, Pa.; corresponding secretary, A. H. Smith

The visiting delegates were entertained at a Col. L. H. Hall, last evening by the Wash-

ington Beneficial Endowment Association with a grand banquet. The attendance aggregated fully 900, and the evening passed pleasantly, toasts being drunk, songs sung by the Masonic choir and short addresses made by prominent Masons and Odd-Fellows. To-day's program comprises a trip to Mount Vernon and oyster roast at Marshall Hall.